(b) if so, whether Government have ascertained the factual position thereof and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether in view of barbaric and inhuman treatment received by victims leading them to blindness and compelling them to wander from one place to another in search of work for living, Government propose to sanction a substantial amount in their favour on compassionate grounds;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Action against Traffic Personnels for committing irregularities of Delhi Traffic Police

†1860. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of such traffic personnel against whom action for committing irregularities has been taken by P.R.G., Traffic Branch of Delhi Police during the past six months;

(b) whether said action is restricted upto the level of Inspector only or it covers the higher officers also; and

(c) if so, the number of officers above the grade of Inspector against whom the action, if any, has been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) During the period from January, 2001 to June, 2001, Delhi Police initiated action against 67 Traffic Police personnel on the basis of the report given by the Public Grievances & Rcdrcsscl Cell. None

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of these officers were above the rank of Inspector. However, the police personnel of higher ranks are also liable to be proceeded against if they are found involved in irregular practices.

CC TV in Delhi Traffic Police Notice Branch

†1861. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that close circuit Televisions have been installed in the Notice Branch of Delhi Traffic Police with a view to check touting;

(b) if so, the number of touts held, so far, with the help of such CC TVs;

(c) what action has been taken against them; and

(d) what steps have been taken from the security point of view in the aforesaid Notice Branch located in VVIP area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) A Close Circuit Television has been installed in the Notice Branch of Delhi Traffic Police essentially with a view to facilitate close supervision of the Branch. This has not, however, resulted in apprehension of* any 'tout' so far.

(d) Armed Police personnel have been deployed at the main gate of the Notice Branch.

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